

N. Y. WOMAN FAILS IN CHANNEL SWIM, GETTING WITHIN 2 MILES OF GOAL

Exhausted After Covering 40 Miles In 21 Hours

DOVER, ENGLAND, Aug. 3 (By U. P.). — Dispatches from Dover state that Miss Clarabelle Barrett, New York swimming instructress, abandoned her attempt to swim the English Channel when two miles from Cape Gris Nez.

She was exhausted at the time that she gave up the effort, having been in the water for 21 hours, swimming nearly 40 miles.

Miss Barrett, who is 6 feet in height and weighs 185 pounds, and hails from New Rochelle, N. Y., made her attempt to swim the Channel unheralded. She entered the water at Dover at 8 a. m. yesterday. After Miss Barrett had waded into the waters breast deep, she set out on her long swim with an overhand stroke and crawl kick, headed directly for Calais, which lay on the other side of the Channel, twenty miles away.

Starts at Fast Clip

Miss Leister and Walter Brickett, British Olympic swimming trainer, who helped Miss Barrett prepare for the attempt, accompanied the swimmer in a tug.

The American woman struck out at a fast clip, and covered a mile in the first half hour. The channel was smooth and the temperature of the water was 65 degrees fahrenheit.

By noon, Miss Barrett had put eight miles between her and the English coast. An hour later, word came that the swimmer had reached the half way mark, with the weather still favorable, but with a tide pulling her from her course and towards Cape Gris Nez.

Battled Tide

Later in the afternoon a launch brought word from the tug that Miss Barrett at 2 p. m. was still ten miles from the French shore, but was strong and cheerful. Those accompanying her fed her beef tea and sponge cake.

There was no jazz band aboard the Barrett tug, such as other swimmers had demanded to raise their spirits.

At 4 p. m. the swimmer had made excellent progress, helped by a tide which carried her to within eight miles of the French coast.

Buffeted by Waves

For the next four hours a hard battle against the sweeping Channel tides sapped Miss Barrett's strength, but failed to diminish her spirit, and at 8.30 p. m. she was seven miles from Cape Gris Nez.

Two Souls With But a Single Thought



AT ATLANTIC CITY! And their thought is of love—of traveling life's highway TOGETHER. But in Paris! Ah, the thought is again "single," but it is of traveling life's boulevard APART! Mr. and Mrs. Al Jolson (above) as they were snapped not so long ago.

Joke Is Now on Jolson; Wife Gets Paris Decree

Al Jolson is divorced once more! The daddy of all the mammy singers, proclaimed the "world's greatest entertainer," has again seemingly failed as a husband. From Paris comes the cable that Alma Osborne Yoelson had obtained a decree from Asa Yoelson.

Woman Falls From Moving Bus; Dying

Mrs. C. Sheridan, 35, of 5 Franklin Ave., Hempstead, L. I., is in a critical condition today at the Nassau Hospital, Mineola, from injuries received when she either jumped or fell from a moving bus on the road between Hempstead and Rockville Center, she had been unidentified for a long time.

Asa Yoelson is, of course, Jolson. And Alma Osborne Yoelson is Ethel Delmar, who quit playing in musical comedy four years ago and became the bride of the world's greatest entertainer. She was his second wife.



Al Jolson

Broadway was not wholly surprised by the news from Paris. For weeks friends of Jolson were aware that everything wasn't all it might be in his magnificent home in Scarsdale. Following the sudden closing of his show, "Big Boy," the blackface comedian was seen much in the gay night places.

"Funny, his wife is never with him?" speculated the curious. "She's like a bird in a cage up there in Scarsdale."

The Jolsons, accompanied by Con Conrad, song writer, and J. E. Sneckenberger, Jolson's manager, sailed for Europe only three weeks ago.

Jolson, like Irving Berlin, rose to eminence from "nowhere." His greatest successes are "Dancing Around," "Sinbad," "Robinson Crusoe, Jr.," "Bombo" and "Big Boy."

Jolson's last appearance in the news columns was on the occasion of his resignation from the Westchester-Biltmore Club, because his guest, Harry Richman, was objected to.

Actress Slays Friend In Fight to End Own Life

The glamour and glitter of the playways were gone and Betty Queen, actress, wanted to die. On the quiet banks of Sunset Lake she chose to spend the last days of her surfeit life. But her sordid plans went awry.

While she grabbed a shotgun that was to end her life, her campmate, Pearl McSherry, another actress, realized what was going to happen. The two girl friends grappled with the deadly weapon. It exploded.

Today Betty is awaiting arraignment on a murder charge. Pearl is dead. Another chum, Dorine O'Connor, is held as a material witness to the affair.

In a note which police found, Betty Queen told of her anguish, of her tire of living, of the utter hopelessness that all existence held for her. Since the finding of that message the charge has been changed to accidental murder.

Police Seek Nurse, Heiress to Fortune, Missing a Year

While relatives are still baffled over the disappearance of Anna

Patricia Doyle, police are today making an extensive search for the girl, a nurse, who has become heir to a \$100,000 fortune.

Miss Doyle left her home at 157 East 116th St. over a year ago and nothing has been heard from her since. Word has just been received from Elgin, Ill., that Jefferson Doyle, her uncle, has died and has left her sole heir to his fortune.

The young nurse came to this country from Ireland about two years ago and was graduated from the Hebrew Infants' Nursing Home. She has not been seen since she nursed Charles M. Schwab's mother through a serious illness.



Anna Doyle

Queens Officers Seek Oberst Gang For Local Jobs

Evidence which the Queens county authorities say links the Oberst gang with two local payroll hold-ups will be presented to the grand jury today.

The men implicated are being held in the Bronx county jail in connection with the robbery of Roosevelt Hospital and the hold-up of the Sungle-Mills Corporation on West 13th Street, Manhattan.

The prosecutor will ask for indictments against Philip Oberst, Pete Mahoney, Leo Hecker, John Ward and Benjamin Frankel, all said to be members of the gang.



Philip Oberst

419 LOSE RIGHT TO OPERATE VEHICLES

AIBANY, Aug. 3.—Seventy licenses to drive automobiles were revoked and 419 were suspended in this State during the first two weeks of July. Charles A. Harnett, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said today. Eleven permits were revoked in Manhattan district, of which four were for intoxication.

DIES IN CAMP

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Aug. 3.—Private Arthur Mitchell of Headquarters Company, 44th Division, at the State camp here.

Robbers Steal \$100,000 Art Treasure From Gallery

Showing the discrimination of connoisseurs, robbers looted the art gallery of J. Jackson Higgs, 11 East 54th St., between Saturday and Monday morning, and stole art objects valued at more than \$100,000. A complete inventory of the loss has not been made, but the principal loss consists of two tapestries, one a Goebelin and the other an Oudenarde.

They selected some of the most valuable objects in the galleries. If they passed over others it was probably because they took precipitate flight when they accidentally smashed a heavy plate glass show case shelf, which must have made a great noise in the quietness of the tapestry-hung, velvet-draped art galleries.

The robbers broke into the art galleries and made a clean getaway, with a quantity of loot that must have required an automobile, in one of the most closely guarded districts of the city outside of Wall Street. Within a stone's throw are the residences of the Rockefellers and many other wealthy New Yorkers.

Most of the loot, excepting the tapestries, was taken from the second floor. That the robbers

had neglected to bring sufficient wrappers was indicated by the fact that they stripped the covering from a sofa there. From the removable cushions of the sofa they took the velvet coverings. They tossed the down-filled cushions back upon the sofa.

Mr. Higgs said that the robbers would encounter difficulty in disposing of the art objects because most of them were well known to art dealers in both America and Europe.

It is believed that the robbers got into the galleries from the roofs of adjoining buildings. Balked by the heavily locked and barred doors, the robbers took out a glass in the skylight and lowered themselves into the galleries by means of window sash cord.

Released From Asylum, Shoots Two, Kills Self

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 3.—Believing he had murdered his wife and a man who boarded in his home, Mike Duke, 37, a Polish laborer, committed suicide by firing three bullets into his own body.

The wife, who received two wounds, one in the lung, and the other man, Charles Wachslar, 35, shot in the shoulder, a junk dealer, will recover.

The motive suggested by the police for the crime is insane jealousy.

Duke had been confined in the Atlantic county asylum for some time until a month ago, and had been acting queerly of late, it is said.

DOG IN SILK-LINED COFFIN LAID IN MAUSOLEUM

SAN FRANCISCO.—After lying in state for ninety-six hours in a silk-lined coffin, Phil, French poodle dog, 13 years of age, owned by Mrs. E. T. Perry, millionaire resident of Atherton, will be placed in a magnificent marble mausoleum on the Perry estate.